REGISTER OF CLASSIFICATION DECISIONS

Date of entry in Register:	27 February 1996
Name of applicant/court:	Comptroller of Customs
Applicant to the Labelling Body:	Not Applicable
Title of Publication:	Letter "Dear slave Sue"
Other Known Titles:	Not Stated
Director:	Not Applicable
Producer:	Not Applicable
Publisher:	Not Applicable
Author:	Not Applicable
Format:	Personal Letter
Country of Origin:	Iceland
Language:	English

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Components of film originally examined: Not Applicable.

Feature: Running time:

Trailers: Running time:

Total Running time:

Excision/Alteration: Not Applicable.

Reasons(s) for Excision:

Not Applicable.

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Classification Decision:

Objectionable.

Display conditions:

Not Applicable.

Descriptive Note:

Not Applicable.

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Direction to issue a label has been given on: Not Applicable.

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SUMMARY OF THE REASONS FOR DECISION:

The letter *"Dear slave Sue"* is objectionable under s3(2) of the Films, Videos, and Publications Classification Act 1993. It promotes and supports the use of violence and coercion to compel any person to submit to sexual conduct, the use of urine and excrement in association with degrading and dehumanising conduct and sexual conduct, and acts of torture and the infliction of extreme violence and cruelty, by expressly encouraging the exchange and distribution of material of this nature, for example, recordings containing real acts of rape and torture. The story in the letter encourages the reader to be sexually aroused by descriptions of these things. The letter also tends to support the exploitation of young persons for sexual purposes.

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